

## TAFT'S SPEECH VOID OF ANY POLITICS

Dedicates Courthouse in Virginia Mountains.

### DEMOCRATIC JUDGE SILENT

Few Voters Hear Talk by Presidential Candidate—Function More a Social One Than Anything Else. Many Women Present from Resorts—Gets Portrait Painted.

Hot Springs, Va., July 20.—The dedication to-day of Bath County's handsome new brick courthouse at Germantown, five miles from here up in the mountains, by Judge William Howard Taft, Republican presidential candidate, was more of a social event for the natives and fashionable resorters than it was a political event.

Judge Taft, in his short extemporaneous talk on the administration of justice, evaded any semblance of politics, although he was introduced as the next President of the United States. The introduction, however, was made by George A. Rivercomb, a member of the board of supervisors of the county, who completed the building, and Rivercomb, he said, is a leading Republican of these parts.

### Not Invited by Judge.

Thus politics became an incident not openly apparent. J. H. McClintic, chairman of the board, who personally invited the candidate to make the dedicatory speech at the opening of the summer term of court, is a Democrat, so he graciously permitted the only Republican member of the board to make the introduction.

### Not Invited by Judge.

The unwritten custom is for the judge of the court to invite a visiting jurist or distinguished member of the bar to open court for him or address the bar from the bench, but the judge, George K. Anderson, of Clifton Forge, who is the jurist of the Ninth judicial circuit, was taking no chances at giving Mr. Taft any advertising that might make his district or the State go Republican next fall. This stand may be plainly inferred from the fact that although Judge Anderson, of course, was present, he was only formally present to the Federal jurist and excused him from accompanying him to the bench.

Judge Anderson made the situation perhaps more plain in this wise: "I don't reckon it was any of my show, anyhow," said he. "McClintic and these fellows down here wrote up to me a while ago, asking if they might make the courthouse to have it dedicated by the next President of the United States. I replied that they might have the courthouse."

"I came down to hold court and I welcomed the session being opened by Judge Taft."

"Any news from Lincoln to-day? That man Bryan is a wonder. Do you reckon Judge Taft came down here to carry Virginia?" the judge asked, then answered his question with a characteristic smile, and, with a rap of his gavel, got down to the business of the court.

### Few Voters Present.

Few voters, except the newspaper men and resorters who accompanied women, heard the candidate's speech. The courtroom holds about 300 persons, and these were mostly women from the various resorts. A handful of native white men

### WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Monday, July 20, 1908.—The rain area that covered the Southwest and the Gulf States Sunday has been extended over the Middle Mississippi and Lower Ohio valleys, and the weather is again fair in the Southeastern States. Showers have also occurred in Minnesota. Temperature has fallen over the Lower Ohio Valley. Elsewhere the changes have been unimportant.

The central valley rain area will cross the Middle and North Atlantic States Tuesday night and Wednesday, and will be followed during the last three days of the week by fair weather over the western portion of the country. Decided temperature changes will occur only in areas visited by showers.

During Tuesday the winds on the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be light to fresh and mostly from east to south; on the South Atlantic coast light to fresh from southerly; on the Gulf coast light and variable; on the Lower Lakes from easterly; and on the Upper Lakes the wind will shift to fresh northerly.

Steamers departing Tuesday for European ports will have light to fresh east to southeast winds and fair weather to the French Banks.

### Local Temperature.

Midnight, 78; 2 a. m., 76; 4 a. m., 73; 6 a. m., 71; 8 a. m., 68; 10 a. m., 65; 12 noon, 64; 2 p. m., 69; 4 p. m., 74; 6 p. m., 78; 8 p. m., 81; 10 p. m., 74; Maximum, 90; minimum, 57.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 56; 2 p. m., 38; 8 p. m., 46. Hours of sunshine, 14.6. Per cent of possible sunshine, 74.

### Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m., yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	5 p. m. fall.
Asheville, N. C.	84	60	75
Atlanta, Ga.	80	70	75
Atlantic City, N. J.	78	65	70
Bismarck, N. Dak.	71	54	64
Boston, Mass.	71	62	64
Buffalo, N. Y.	75	60	70
Chicago, Ill.	74	66	70
Cincinnati, Ohio	76	60	69
Cheyenne, Wyo.	80	48	70
Davenport, Iowa	80	62	70
Denver, Colo.	82	58	70
Des Moines, Iowa	80	64	70
Galveston, Tex.	88	72	74
Holms, Mont.	80	62	70
Indianapolis, Ind.	75	66	66
Jacksonville, Fla.	90	76	82
Kansas City, Mo.	80	62	70
Little Rock, Ark.	81	72	70
Marquette, Mich.	80	58	72
Memphis, Tenn.	82	70	72
New Orleans, La.	82	70	72
New York, N. Y.	81	68	72
North Platte, Neb.	80	56	68
Omaha, Neb.	82	66	70
Pittsburg, Pa.	75	60	74
Portland, Me.	70	56	62
Salt Lake City, Utah	80	60	70
St. Louis, Mo.	80	64	68
St. Paul, Minn.	80	62	70
Springfield, Ill.	70	56	70
Vicksburg, Miss.	86	72	72

### Tide Table.

To-day—High tide, 2:35 a. m. and 2:35 p. m.; low tide, 8:50 a. m. and 9:10 p. m.

To-morrow—High tide, 3:02 a. m. and 3:02 p. m.; low tide, 9:32 a. m. and 10 p. m.

### Condition of the Water.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., July 20.—Both rivers clear this afternoon.

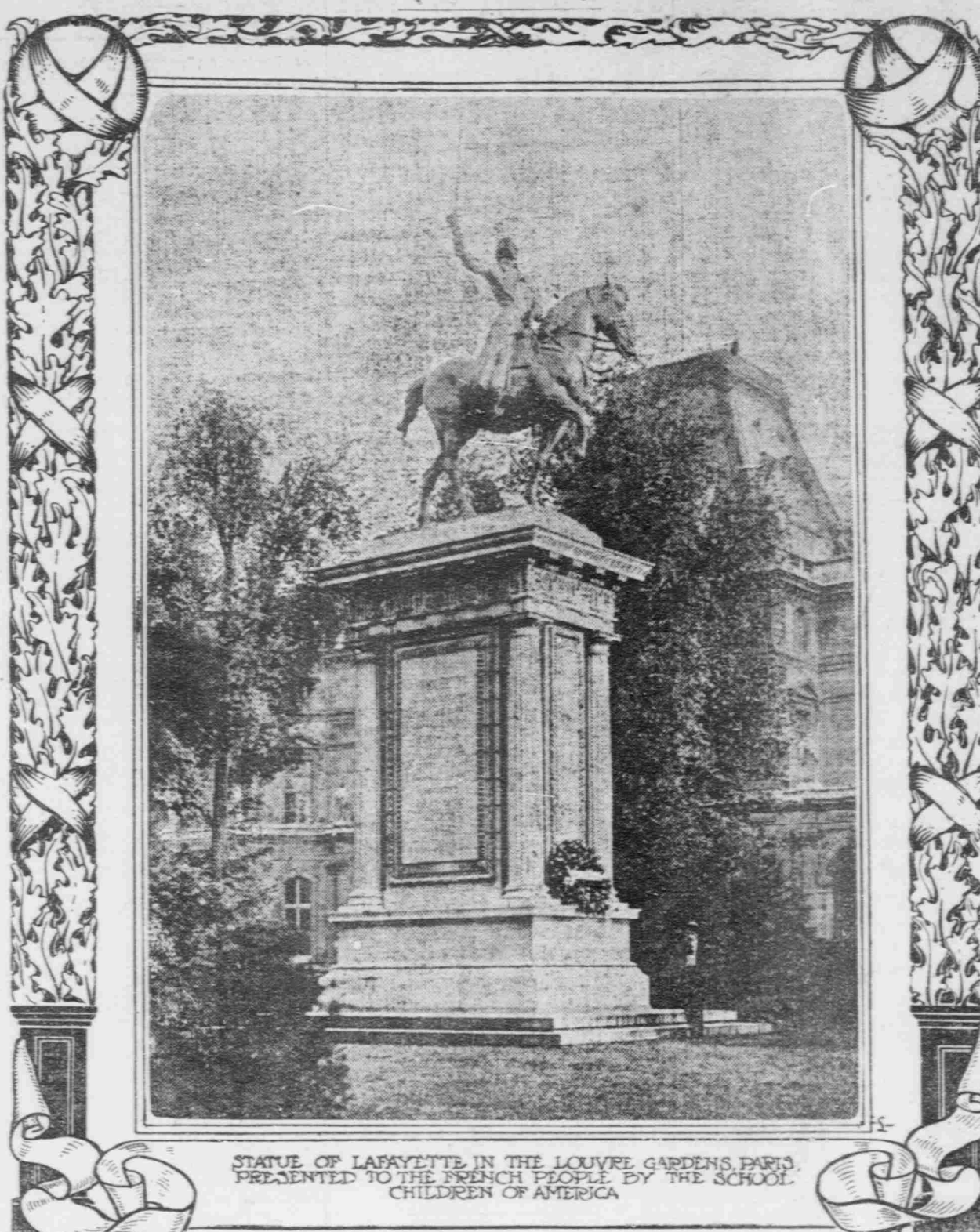
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### Cotton Cargo on Fire.

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## MEMORIAL OF NOTED FRENCHMAN, GIFT TO THE NATION.



STATUE OF LAFAYETTE IN THE LOUVRE GARDENS, PARIS, PRESENTED TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF AMERICA

—New York Herald.

New York, July 20.—Alexander H. Revell, of Chicago, acting president of the Lafayette Memorial Association, returned on the Mauretania after presenting to President Fallières, in the Elysée Palace, in Paris, the completed statue of the Marquis de Lafayette, the gift of the school children of the United States, millions of whom contributed dimes, nickels, and pennies for this testimonial to the French people in recognition of the distinguished services of a Frenchman to the United States in time of greatest need.

In his speech, Judge Taft said he never entered a courthouse but that he was sorry he had abandoned the legal profession.

Two hours of his morning having been taken by his trip to Germantown, Judge Taft was compelled to forego his visit to-day for the first time on any week day since he has been here.

### Works Hard on Speech.

He worked late into the evening dressing down his speech of acceptance, after already having had considerable aid from Mrs. Taft.

Judge Taft began to feel that he is really a presidential candidate to-day, to paint him in oil. The picture is being made for the Hungarian Republican Club of New York, which annually entertains President Roosevelt.

"At first, the artist's presence was somewhat annoying to me in connection with my speech," said the candidate, "but when I found he couldn't speak English or understand what I was saying in my dictation, I didn't mind."

The Homestead Hotel, where Mr. Taft has his quarters, of which M. E. Ingalls, a loyal Bryan supporter, is a principal owner, sprung a surprise in compliment to him to-day by having great portraits of Taft and Sherman placed in the parlor lobby.

### Labor Question in Speech.

According to Prof. Willis Moore, of the Weather Bureau, Washington, Mr. Taft has treated the labor question extensively in his speech of acceptance.

In the form in which the speech stands now, there are twelve typewritten pages, averaging, perhaps, 20 words to the page. Mr. Taft conferred to-day with Prof. Moore. He belongs to several unions, and has made a study of organized labor.

He said after his conference with Mr. Taft: "I am sure Mr. Taft's speech will be perfectly satisfactory to the union men."

Mr. Taft also conferred to-day with Trust Buster Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota. The candidate invited him to Hot Springs to give his opinion on the sections of his speech devoted to the trust question. Mr. Kellogg will remain here the rest of the week.

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Mr. Revell was enthusiastic over the official and popular reception the statue received, and declared that the good-will of the French to America, which was so greatly in evidence, was not only a most gratifying sentiment to all Americans and a present asset of great value, but that in the future it might well prove a source of strength to this country.

"Paul W. Bartlett, sculptor of the statue," said Mr. Revell at the Plaza, "worked with the greatest artistic enthusiasm as well as patriotic pride, and the ten years he devoted to producing a work which satisfied him have been well spent. The statue is declared by all officials, artists, and jurists, to be one of the few really great equestrian statues in existence. It has been given, by governmental decree, a commanding place, and will stand in Lafayette square, within fifty yards of the museum of the Louvre."

"President Fallières was most cordial and friendly, not only in his address of acceptance, but in conversation for an hour afterward with the members of the association and the several diplomats present. Mr. Robert J. Thompson, secretary of the association, and Henry Vin-augh, first secretary of the American embassy, were there."

### NOBLE ORDER FOR HASTINGS.

Executor of Cleveland's Will Honored by Russian's Zar.

New York, July 20.—Baron Schlippenbach, the newly arrived Russian consul general to New York, this afternoon on the after deck of the Helena, flagship of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club, presented Frank Seymour Hastings, executor of the will of Grover Cleveland and vice commodore of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club, on behalf of the Russian Emperor, with the Order of Stanislaus, in recognition of his services as president of the Russian Symphony Society.

Fifty or more guests, representatives of the various New York yacht clubs, prominent Russians, and officers of the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club, as the guests of Frank J. Gould, assembled on the deck of the Helena about 3 o'clock this afternoon to welcome back Baron Schlippenbach. While the Helena's nose pointed up the sound, all hands adjourned to the after deck, where, beneath the entwined colors of the yacht club and the Russian flag, the consul general made a presentation speech.

### BALLOON FAILED TO WORK.

"Dirigible" Became Unmanageable and Was Carried Across Hudson.

New York, July 19.—Charles Oliver Jones, one of the Hammondsport colony of aeronauts, made an ascent this afternoon from the new Palisade Amusement Park in his sometimes dirigible balloon, the Boomerang.

The long, torpedo-shaped bag, with its suspended framework, was released at 6:50 o'clock, and the engine not working properly, was carried sidewise across the Hudson, over upper Manhattan and the Bronx, and in a few minutes was lost to the sight of the big crowd watching from the park. It came down in twenty minutes or so on the grounds of St. Joseph's Institute, at Throgs Neck, a Catholic school for girls.

Before stepping into the car Jones told the reporters that he was going to circle over the park merely, and that it was not his intention to make a long flight.

### Child Drinks Lye Water.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., July 20.—Erma, aged five years, daughter of Alfred Hawkins, of Lord, this county, died at Alleghany Hospital, this city, this morning from drinking lye water, which, it is said, the child mistook for milk.

### ACTRESS ALMOST DROWNS.

Gertrude Hoffman Has Narrow Escape from Death in Ocean.

New York, July 19.—Gertrude Hoffman, who is appearing in the Salome at Hammerstein's Victoria Theater Roof Garden, was nearly drowned off Nottens Point this morning, and collapsed to-night on the roof garden stage, where she had substituted imitations for the dance.

She was towed by a rowboat containing friends beyond her depth, and when she let go she went down. When she came up, she was recovered and brought ashore.

### CUTS GASH IN THROAT.

Durham Young Woman Attempts Suicide with Butcher Knife.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Durham, N. C., July 20.—Mrs. Annie Wilson is in the Watts Hospital with two wide and deep gashes in her throat made by a butcher knife this morning, self-inflicted. She has but little chance for recovery. The young woman bled almost to death before medical aid could be found. She appears not to have been despondent, but had been ill. She belongs to a good family.

### JULY SALE.

Very Best Value in Negs.

\$1.25 and \$1.00 Negliges.....	8c
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Negliges.....	10c
\$2.25 Negliges.....	12c
\$2.00 Negliges.....	10c
\$2.50 to \$3.50 Negliges.....	15c

### TYSSOWSKI BROS.

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## BRVIA EXPECTS OHIO

Tells Frank S. Monett Party Must Get Together.

### PLANS CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Visit of Buckeye ex-Republican Believed to Indicate Effort Will Be Made to Get Independence League to Indorse Candidacy of the Nebraska—No Chairman Yet.

Lincoln, Neb., July 20.—The visit of Frank S. Monett, formerly Republican attorney general of Ohio, to Fairview last night and this morning, was not entirely in the interests of the wool growers of the country.

Mr. Monett has been one of the leaders of the Independence League movement and his visit just now, on the eve of the national convention of that party, is taken here to indicate that an effort will be made to secure the indorsement of the league of Bryan's candidacy. Monett said that of the men prominent in the league, a number were formerly warm supporters of Bryan, and while he ventured no prediction, the fact that he came here to tell Bryan he was for him and to confer with him was regarded as significant. The gossip here is that Monett is expected to round up several other Bryan members of the league into a conference with Bryan in Chicago next Sunday. All that Monett would say about Mr. Bryan was that he is anxious that the leaders in Ohio should lay aside all personal differences and turn in to help elect the ticket, which he considers has more than a fighting chance in Taft's State.

### Collections Coming In.

Mr. Bryan's appeal to the farmers for funds to help out has already met with a dozen or more responses, the donations running from \$5 to \$50. Mr. Bryan is getting enthusiastic over the idea of securing a campaign fund from the masses. He impresses on every Democrat called the necessity of getting out when he goes back home and collecting money for the fund. He told one man with more than 6,000,000 Democrats in the country there ought not to be any trouble about getting sufficient money for all legitimate purposes. He proposes to push the plan through as many agencies as possible.

Mr. Bryan said to-day that he did not understand that Congress had passed a bill prohibiting corporations from contributing. His information was that this bill, which, in his opinion, was but a half-way measure, was introduced in the Senate by the putting on of that rider intended to reduce Southern representation in Congress.

### No Chairman Yet.

The identity of the man who is to lead the Democratic hosts has not yet been made known. Bryan is in constant communication with Kern and members of the Democratic National Committee, and it is regarded here as a safe wager that no selection has yet been definitely made. George Fred Williams, of Dedham, Mass., is spending the evening at the Bryan home. His visit is "not primarily a political one," but it is understood his advice as a chairman is much desired.

### Prohibitionist Sees Bryan.

W. J. Phillips, of Los Angeles, editor of the California Voice, had a forty-minute private interview with Mr. Bryan this afternoon. Mr. Phillips was a delegate to the Prohibition national convention and is on his way home. He said afterward that he had agreed with Mr. Bryan not to disclose the nature of their talk.

Two farmers, aged seventy-nine and eighty-two years, respectively, rode to Fairview to-day to personally hand over \$5 each to the campaign fund. Their names were not given out.

Bryan intimated to-night that the chairmanship probabilities were not confined to the four who have previously been mentioned, but nothing further would he say.

William J. Bryan is going to make an effort to capture the Hearst Independence League convention, which meets in Chicago on the same date with the Democratic national convention, and to prevent the Hearst people from naming a candidate, even if they will not indorse Bryan. Mayor James C. Dahman, of Omaha, who is here to-day to confer with Bryan, is authority for the statement. Dahman says: "The Independence League convention will be a warm one. Bryan has many friends and strong supporters in that city. He will win there, and an attempt made to indorse Mr. Bryan for President. Mr. Bryan will be in Chicago at the time, but will probably not attend the league convention. But there will be something doing over there, all right."

### RICH SOCIALISTS RUN.

Stokes and Hunter Candidates for Assembly and Congress.

New York, July 20.—J. G. Phelps Stokes is going to run for the assembly on the Socialist Labor party's ticket in the Eighth district, and Rose Pastor Stokes has promised to take the stump for her husband and place herself at the disposal of the campaign committee of the district.

While Mr. Stokes is running for the assembly in the Eighth district, his brother-in-law and fellow-Socialist, Robert Hunter, will be running for Congress in the Tenth district unless the present programme of the Socialists of the East Side is changed. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Stokes have both consented to be candidates, and Mr. Stokes to be a cardinal orator. Their comrades think that this year, above all others, the party has a real chance to win in these districts.

Mr. Hunter has been a Socialist for two years; Mr. Stokes not so long. Both are considered by the Socialists of Grand street to have passed their novitiate, at any rate, and are therefore, available now as candidates, which apparently has pleased Mr. Stokes and Mr. Hunter immensely. They are spending the summer at their country homes in Connecticut.

Jacob Banker, a lawyer and socialist orator, ran in the district last year and came within about 600 votes of winning.

### SLEMP PROMISES VIRGINIA.

State Chairman Tells Taft State May Go Republican This Year.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Bristol, Va., July 20.—C. Bascom Slemp, Representative in Congress, and the Republican State chairman in Virginia, was in conference at Hot Springs to-day with William H. Taft, Republican candidate for President.

Slemp promised good accounts from Virginia in the election this fall. Slemp will open Republican headquarters in Roanoke early in August.

"We are going to make an earnest effort," he told Taft, "to carry the State for the Republicans. We have many reasons to be encouraged with the situation. We propose to place Virginia where she rightfully belongs as regards national politics—in the Republican column."

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YOU CAN HAVE IT CHARGED

# FURNISHINGS for the Clean Sweep

MEN'S SILK SHIELD BOWS; IN ALL COLORS; have never sold under 15c. For the sale going at.....	5c
MEN'S BALBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS; long and short sleeves. Sold at 29c usually. Sale price.....	17c
MEN'S BALBRIGGAN SHIRTS AND Drawers; extra well made; double-seat drawers. 39c value.....	23c
MEN'S SUPERIOR QUALITY BALBRIGGAN SHIRTS AND Drawers. Have always sold at 50c. Now.....	35c
WOMEN'S EXTRA QUALITY RIBBED Vests, that sell regularly at 15c. For the sale reduced to.....	7½c
WOMEN'S BEST QUALITY RIBBED VESTS; taped neck and armholes; the kind that always sells at 12½c.....	5½c
MEN'S B. V. D. NAINSOOK UNDERWEAR; athletic shirts and knee drawers; always sold at 50c.....	35c
MEN'S AND BOYS' BATHING SUITS THAT have always sold at 75c. For the sale they are reduced to only.....	45c
MEN'S SILK FOUR-IN-HANDS AND BATHING Ties; selling regularly up to 50c. They are being closed out at.....	17c
MEN'S NICE QUALITY "WHITE" HEM-stitched Handkerchiefs, that regularly sell at 12½c. Now.....	6½c

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

The first social outing of the Social Order of Moose, Hunt No. 3, will be held at Luna Park to-morrow.

Capt. Campbell, judge advocate general of the navy, who has been spending the last few weeks in Maine, has returned to this city and resumed his duties.

Rev. Dr. J. Howard Wells, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, will address the Episcopal League Union at Georgetown, Md., this evening.

Fire of unknown origin in a barroom at the Soldiers' Home damaged the building and contents \$2,000 yesterday morning. The burned property was not insured.

Samuel C. Cohen, brought to this city on Sunday from Emporia, Va., charged with stealing a watch valued at \$60 from Louis Abraham, of 423 Ninth street northwest, will be arraigned in the Police Court to-day.

By the terms of the will of Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, who died on July 4, filed for probate yesterday, his entire estate is bequeathed to his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Marie Lanahan. Mrs. Lanahan is now residing at 1115 14th street.

Benjamin Howard and John Bolden, negroes, were fined \$5 each by Judge Adams in the Police Court yesterday. The men were charged with stealing their beds on a pile of lumber at Thirtieth street and O Street.

Capt. J. H. Poole, engineer officer in charge of the state War and Navy Building, has agreed with his bride for a tour of the continent until the latter part of September. Col. Brewster is performing the duties in his absence.

A hearing relative to the proposed change of grade at Twentieth street and Rhode Island avenue northwest, will be held before the Board of Public Works at 10 o'clock on Monday, July 21, in Room 30, of the District Building this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Secretary Wright, accompanied by Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, and Capt. Darius left here Sunday evening for Chattanooga, Tenn., for the purpose of inspecting the regular and militia troops encamped at Camp Taft, near Chattanooga.

Benning Lodge, No. 23, I. O. G. T., is arranging to hold a social session in a lawn in Anacostia avenue, Benning, to-night and to-morrow night. The session will be held at 10 o'clock.

Arrangements for a camp-meeting to be held in the grounds of the M. E. Zion Church, in Graceland, Md., beginning next Sunday, have been completed by Rev. J. W. Martin, of this city, pastor of Union Wesleyan church. The meeting will last about a week.

Col. W. C. Haskell, sealer of weights and measures in the District, after a careful investigation of drug stores, dairies, ice cream manufactories, and ice cream dealers, both retail and wholesale, is satisfied that the weights and measures laws and regulations are being strictly observed.

Civil Service Commissioner Henry F. Greene has returned from a month's tour of inspection in the West where he looked after the workings of the civil service in connection with the reclamation work in California, Utah, Nevada, and Colorado. On his return he visited his home in Minneapolis.

Thomas Elmer Landvoigt, of this city, sailed from New York yesterday on the steamship "Albatross," bound for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he goes under contract with the Argentine Quilombo company as one of the engineers in the erection of a \$4,000,000 plant at Almirante.

In response to a request of the Anacostia Citizens' Association and others, the public reservation in Pierce street, between Jackson and Adams streets, Anacostia, with the approval of Gen. Marshall, chief of engineers, has been named Logan Park, in honor of the late Gen. John A. Logan.

Alfred Lansdale, white, was fined \$5 by Judge Adams in the Police Court yesterday when arraigned on charge of fighting on a street car. His adversary, William P. Thomas, negro, was fined \$10. It was learned that Lansdale, a middle-aged woman on an Eleventh street car, and Thomas, in a spirit of chivalry, started a fight, resulting in both being arrested.

Alleging negligence on the part of employees of a car belonging to the Capital Traction Company, from which he was thrown while in the car getting aboard at Seventh street and Benning avenue northwest, on June 2, John J. Dore yesterday filed suit for \$2,000 damages against the company. Pending to the petition, Dore received permanent